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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SADAT VISIT TO OTTAWA

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTED AUGUST 21 THAT
"CANADA HAS ISSUED AN INVITATION TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT
ANWAR SADAT TO VISIT OTTAWA IN CONJUNCTION WITH A
PLANNED SEPTEMBER 5 VISIT TO WASHINGTON."

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REPORT WITH JOHN FRASER, DIRECTOR
OF MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
ON AUGUST 21. NOTING THAT PRESS HAD STORY "ASKEW,"
FRASER SAID INVITATION FOR OTTAWA STOP-OVER HAD
ORIGINALLY BEEN EXTENDED TO SADAT WHEN HIS VISIT TO U.S.
EARLY THIS YEAR WAS BEING PLANNED. SADAT DECLINED AT
THAT TIME AND INVITATION WAS LEFT OPEN. DURING JUNE
VISIT TO EGYPT BY CANADIAN MP HEATH MACQUARRIE, SADAT
AFFIRMED HIS INTEREST IN VISITING CANADA, FOLLOWING
WHICH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU SENT MESSAGE TO EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT MENTIONING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HIS HOPE
THAT CANADIAN VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN NEAR FUTURE.
LETTER WAS WRITTEN BEFORE CAMP DAVID MEETING WAS
ANNOUNCED. FRASER SAYS THERE IS THUS "THEORETICAL
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POSSIBILITY" THAT POST-CAMP DAVID SADAT VISIT MIGHT BE
ARRANGED, BUT "BALL IS NOW IN THE EGYPTIANS' COURT" AND
CANADIANS WOULD STILL HAVE TO DETERMINE IF TIMING WAS
CONVENIENT IF SADAT DOES PROPOSE TO COME DURING THIS
TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.
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